

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1037 by Representative Hazel

CRIME: Amends criminal penalties for violations of the statute regarding Peeping Toms

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds to the definition of "Peeping Tom" the use of an unmanned aircraft to spy upon or invade the privacy of another person without his consent.
2. Provides for a definition of "unmanned aircraft" and "spying upon".

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that no person shall perform such acts as will make him a "Peeping Tom" on or about the premises of another, or go upon the premises of another for the purpose of becoming a "Peeping Tom".

Present law provides that "Peeping Tom" means one who peeps through windows or doors, or other like places, situated on or about the premises of another for the purpose of spying upon or invading the privacy of persons spied upon without the consent of the persons spied upon, regardless of whether the "Peeping Tom" is upon the premises of the person being spied upon.

Present law provides that whoever violates these provisions of present law shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law amends the definition of "Peeping Tom" to include the use of an unmanned aircraft for the purpose of spying upon or invading the privacy of another without his consent. Proposed law provides for an exception for properly authorized law enforcement personnel.

Proposed law provides for the following definitions:

- (1) "Unmanned aircraft" shall mean an aircraft that is operated without direct human intervention from on or within the aircraft, not including a satellite.
- (2) "Spaying upon" shall include the taking or attempted taking of a photograph, video, or other image of a person or premises.

Proposed law retains present law penalties but provides as follows for second and subsequent violations of the provisions of present law:

- (1) For a second conviction - A fine of not more than \$750, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.
- (2) For a third or subsequent conviction - A fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

(Amends R.S. 14:284)